THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir. Electricity is necessary to charge the internal battery of Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) subscriber's fixed wireless terminal provided at subscriber's premises.

(b) Fixed wireless telephone connections on WLL are generally not provided to subscribers in the villages where there is no electric supply at all, unless they give an undertaking to make their own arrangement of power supply through generator, solar power panel etc.

MoU between BSNL and Rail Tel

1944. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether an MoU has been executed between BSNL and RailTel for sharing of the optical fibre network of Indian Railways by BSNL;

(b) salient features of the proposed project covered under the said MoU;

(c) the potential benefits which would accrue, if any, to the common subscribers of BSNL and the Rail users by dint of the proposed cooperation between the two organisations; and

(d) time-frame envisaged for commencement and conclusion of implementation of the MoU?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) To explore new business opportunities in the field of Telecommunications by sharing infrastructure and services to achieve synergies of operation.

(c) The potential benefits to common subscribers will be that Cell One mobile services will be available for major rail routes after its implementation.

(d) The commencement of MoU is from 9th July, 2003, the date of signing agreement and is valid for a period of 12 months.

Website hacking

1945. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKATRAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Kerala based computer hacker is colluding with Pakistani hackers and is bent upon destroying Indian servers and websites;

(b) whether Government have traced the hacker; and

(c) the steps Government are taking to check the hackers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR): (a) and (b) The Government has no information in this regard.

(c) Appropriate institutional arrangements have been made to respond to computer security incidents and assist the organisations in the country in securing their computer systems and networks.

ILD telephony grey market

1946. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Telecom Regulatory Authority of India had set up a Committee to tackle the International Long Distance telephony grey market;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Committee has submitted its report and if so, the details thereof and what action Government had taken thereon; and

(d) if not, by when its report is likely to be received?